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SUBJECT: STUDY BY PRC STUDENTS IN SWEDEN

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH
MINISTER OF EDUCATION WIKSTROM, MFA INFORMATION
DIRECTOR JAN ELIASSON HAS PROVIDED FURTHER
INFORMATION ON CHINESE DESIRE TO PLACE LARGE NUMBER OF
STUDENTS IN SWEDISH UNIVERSITIES. ELIASSON TOLD DCM
THAT CHINESE WANTED TO PLACE FROM 500 TO 1000
STUDENTS HERE THIS YEAR AS PART OF PROGRAM OF PLACING
UP TO 10,000 STUDENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH
AMERICA. SWedes HAVE AGREED TO TAKE ABOUT 50 THIS
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FALL FOR FULL-TIME SWEDISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION TO BE
FOLLOWED BY REGULAR PROGRAM. THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERING
ACCEPTANCE OF ANOTHER 25 TO 50 LATER THIS YEAR WHO
WILL HAVE HAD SWEDISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION IN CHINA,
ASSUMING LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS ARE SUFFICIENT.
SOURCE SAID PRESSURE MUST REALLY BE ON CHINESE
EMBASSIES TO PURSUE THIS PROGRAM SINCE THEIR EMBASSY

IN STOCKHOLM HAS MADE NUMEROUS CONTACTS AT SWEDISH COUNCIL AND SWEDISH UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS MFA AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (IN SWEDISH SYSTEM, LIKE THAT OF US, DECISIONS ARE DECENTRALIZED). CHINESE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT PRC GOVERNMENT WOULD FUND THE PROGRAM ITSELF. MFA CONSIDERS CHINESE INITIATIVE, PARTICULARLY ITS SCALE, TO BE ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT STEPS THUS FAR IN DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE POLICY.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ANY CHINESE APPROACHES TO US IN THIS AREA THAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO SWEDES.

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